

THE CHRISTMAS PICNIC

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THE young people were going to give a Christmas picnic on the day after Christmas. They had all decided that it would be no end of fun to take their skates and have a long day of skating, and to have their dinner out of doors.

They felt it would be particularly good for them, too, to get away from the sweets and holiday food they would constantly be nibbling at if they were home.

So on the day after Christmas they went on the Christmas picnic and skating party.

They all had so much enthusiasm. Everyone was going to take part. Everyone was going to help and assist and work.



But when it came time for dinner everyone seemed hungry but helpless, and somehow the cold seemed to have gloved in their cheeks and hearts as they skated, but to have numbed them as the work of the picnic loomed in view.

The gay and debonaire young man who called himself the life of the party and who had come garbed in knickerbockers and sport sweater was suddenly quiet. He said he was not much good at making a fire. Instead, he seemed to admire himself and his handsome legs and to ignore the opening of the baskets. To be sure, he looked well and his attitude said quite plainly:

"The man who invented knickerbockers, without a doubt had good looking legs himself, and perhaps an enemy with particularly ugly ones, but he certainly didn't get the better of me."

But Jerry, who was always a good fire builder and upon whom the work always rested, despite previous protests that it would not this time, was the one now who built the fire.

And the rest of the typical picnic people did the usual things. There was the man who talked about building the fire so as to keep the smoke from blowing in the faces of every one present.

There was the girl who spoke from time to time in alarm, sudden sentences, wondering in turn if the salt, pepper, bacon, sugar, milk or coffee pot had been forgotten.

There was the girl who was obviously helpless.

There was the girl who kept asking what she could do to help, who would have received any suggestions with a very bad grace.

And there was Milly, who really undid the packages and cooked the bacon and saw that everyone had enough to eat.

The man who said most about not being hungry hurried with more than an academic interest as to what the filling of the sandwiches might be.

And there was the man present who spoke from time to time of the good things that could have been brought if only he had thought of them sooner.

But Jerry and Milly saw that the picnic was a real picnic, while the others gave their eating services.

And after the picnic was over and Jerry was helping Milly as she washed off the dishes in the boiling water Jerry had saved in the old big kettle, he said:

"Milly, you're the most unselfish girl I've ever known. Different from everyone. I've always thought so. And don't you think we'd make a good team—not only on a picnic but through life?"

And Milly answered: "That's very much the way I've thought about you, Jerry."

So that you see, Milly and Jerry weren't so much cheated at that picnic as you might have thought. In fact, they had a very merry Christmas picnic!

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While crossing the Atlantic in a fog recently one big steamship had to sound her whistle constantly for over 3,000 miles.

Davy Sloan, fireman on the N.-C. was laid up several days at his home in Nashville from blood poisoning.

FOR EYESIGHT CONSERVATION

Every school in Kentucky will be asked to join in establishing the new semi-annual custom of Eyesight Conservation Day, planned as a universal and permanent contribution to the American system of education.

The Eyesight Conservation Council of America, with headquarters in New York, is enlisting the assistance of commissioners of education in every state, and of superintendents in every school district. Kentucky school officials have been provided with a complete Eyesight Conservation Day program. To execute this plan, George W. Colvin of Frankfort, state superintendent of public instruction, and county superintendents will co-operate in the Eyesight Conservation Day movement, including M. V. Miller of Paducah, L. E. Foster of Hopkinsville, J. E. Coleman of Mayfield, Inez Lutten of Hickman, and Mamie Y. Ferguson of Smithland. N. G. Martin of Eddyville, Levi Cunningham of Cadiz, H. W. Nichols of Princeton, R. E. Branch of Murray, W. A. Anderson of Wickliffe, N. J. Parsons of Bardwell, J. W. Brinkley of Clinton, and Harry W. Peters of Benton.

Local school superintendents in these counties will also aid in the movement, including Ralph Yake of Paducah, J. C. Waller of Hopkinsville, D. W. Bridge-

es of Mayfield and J. M. Calvin of this city.

The object of an Eyesight Day Conservation Day in schools is to discover the fact that a child has a defect of vision or symptoms of a defect rather than to determine the degree of deficiency. It is stated in the suggestion program which the Eyesight Conservation Council is taking up with the Kentucky officials.

Hickman needs more homes. It's a common thing to see families patiently waiting until some other family leaves town or vacates a house, so they can have a place of residence. That's really the vital factor that keeps Hickman from growing faster. People want to come here, but the inability to secure a place to live discourages them; more plainly speaking, it drives them away.

The Bank of England was founded by a Scotchman who died in poverty.

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In Africa it is a bewildering sight to see a colony of ants on the move. They advance in perfect formation in lines about three inches wide, a column of them extending for nearly a mile. They are led by a regiment of warrior ants. After them comes a body of small ants carrying various loads. They are the porters, whose duty it is to transport eggs, babies, sticks, leaves and so on.

The little bow inside the lining of a man's hat is there merely as an ornament. It is a survival of the days when there was not such a large range of sizes as there is at the present time, and a string was attached to the lining, so that it could be adjusted to fit any head.

Unexploded shells, bombs and similar war souvenirs to the number of 6500 have been picked up in Paris streets since the beginning of this year. The authorities believe that the owners of these dangerous articles are dumping them to get rid of them.

Paris may dictate fashions, but it is no longer necessary to go to France for naughty novels.—Duluth Herald.

Three hundred thousand worlds, the size of the earth could be stored inside the sun.

At the Christmas Party. The wise hostess wishes to prevent new young guests from pulling off and remaining with their escorts the entire evening. To change partners in a novel and entertaining way in the course of the evening, have ready a circle of green cardboard divided into as many sections as there are girls present. Write a girl's name in each division. Now cut out a large red pasteboard star, with a white arrow painted on one of the points, and fasten this star to the center of the cardboard circle by means of a large pin. Each boy in turn comes up and spins the star, and the maiden whose name is indicated when the white arrow comes to rest is accorded him as partner. Of course, if a girl's name has already been chosen, the boy must spin again. This spinning star will result in much merriment for the young people.

Mrs. W. P. Skinner, from Hickman, has moved to Fulton and has taken rooms with Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Moss on Vine street.—Fulton Leader.

It is a gifted campaign orator that makes no votes for the other side.—Boston Herald.

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